Damage to aqueduct of Bhakra Canal by Punjab militants

620. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the militants in Punjab have damaged an aqueduct of the main Bhakra Canal with rockets as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 8th July, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have since arrested the involved culprits and if so, what action Government propose to take to provide security at Bhakra Canal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) According to available information, on 6th July, 1991, some unidentified terrorists fired two rockets on Budhki Nadi Aqueduct situated on Main Bhakra Line. As a result there was a minor leakage of water.

(c) No arrests have been reported so far. However, the State Govenment has been *told to provide full and adequate* security to the Canal.

Losses suffered by D.T.C.

621. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Transport Corporation is one of such Government Undertakings that are running at a loss;

(b) if so, what is the extent of loss suffered by this Corporation during each of the two years 1989-90 and 1990-91 separately;

(c) whether Government have identified the reasons for this loss; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would take the cooperation of the private sector to save this Corporation from further losses and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The net loss incurred by DTC during the last two years is indicated below:

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

Year	Net loss (including depreciation and interest)
1989-90	11984.56
1990-91	19748.35 (provisional)

(c) The reasons for losses are—

(1) Uneconomic fare structure of DTC.

(2) Rising costs of labour and material inputs.

(3) Concessions given to students and weaker sections of the society through concessional passes.

(4) Heavy interest burden on the loans advanced etc.

(d) Private buses have been supplementing to the DTC services ever since the establishment of the DTC in one form or the other. However, the number of private buses operating under DTC has been coming down on account of the unremunerative fares of DTC.

Modernisation of Harbours

622. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the existing proposals for modernisation of harbours all over the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal presently being implemented for modernisation and expansion of Visakhapatnam Port; and

(c) if so, the details of such schemes, time-frame involved and financial outlays for Visakhapatnam Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Reply is given in the attached Statement. [*See* Appendix CLIX, Annexure No. 21]

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Reply is given in the attached statement [*See* Appendix 159, Annexure No. 22]

Privatization of Shipping Industry

623. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to privatise shipping industry by allowing big exporters to construct jetties and install equipment at ports;

(b) if so, to what extent privatisation of shipping industry would solve problems at ports; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Government welcomes the participation of Private Sector in ports.

(b) This depends upon the nature of the proposals received from the Private Sector.

(c) Till date, no firm proposal has been received.

मध्य प्रदेश, आंध्र प्रदेश तथा महाराष्ट्र में नक्सलवादी

624. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश के बस्तर क्षेत्र में और उससे लगे हुए महाराष्ट्र के आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में नक्सलवादी गतिविधियां इस हद तक बढ़ चुकी हैं कि अब वहां एक समानान्तर सरकार कार्य करने लगी है;

(ख) क्या सरकार द्वारा इस दिशा में कोई पहल की गई है; और

(ग) क्या नए सामाजिक तथा आर्थिक कार्यक्रमों को लागू करके इस समस्या के मूल कारणों को समाप्त किया जाएगा ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०एम० जैकब) : (क) से (ग) हाल ही के महीनों में मध्य प्रदेश के बस्तर क्षेत्र में नक्सलवादियों की गतिविधियों में वृद्धि हुई है । लोक व्यवस्था और पुलिस राज्य का विषय होने के कारण उनकी जिम्मेदारी मुख्य रूप से राज्य सरकार की है । सरकार की यह नीति है कि देश में आतंकवादी तत्वों के साथ कड़ाई से निपटने के साथ-साथ प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में सामाजिक-आर्थिक विकास किया जाए ताकि स्थानीय लोगों की वास्तविक समस्याओं को दूर किया जा सके और उनको आतंकवादियों के प्रभाव से मुक्त रखा जा सके । तदनुसार केन्द्र सरकार राज्य सरकारों से राज्य के सभी क्षेत्रों का समान विकास करने के लिए ठोस समन्वित कार्य योजनाएं तैयार करने का आग्रह करती आ रही